

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-14. (canceled).

15. (currently amended): A method for reducing pigmentation of the skin, comprising a step of applying an effective amount of a whitening cosmetic composition to the skin after UV exposure;

wherein the whitening cosmetic composition comprises a component selected from the group consisting of d,1- α -tocopherol dimethylglycine ester hydrochloride, d- α -tocopherol dimethylglycine ester hydrochloride, d- γ -tocopherol dimethylglycine ester hydrochloride, and d- δ -tocopherol dimethylglycine ester hydrochloride in an amount of ~~0.3~~ 0.1-10% by mass.

16-17. (canceled).

18. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 15, wherein ~~the tocopherol alkylglycine ester~~ said component is at least one compound selected from ~~a~~ the group consisting of d- γ -tocopherol-alkylglycine dimethylglycine ester hydrochloride and a d- δ -tocopherol alkylglycine dimethylglycine ester hydrochloride.

19. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 15, wherein ~~the tocopherol alkylglycine ester is a~~ said component is d- γ -tocopherol-alkylglycine dimethylglycine ester hydrochloride.

20. (canceled).

21. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 15, ~~characterized in that the tocopherol alkylglycine ester is a~~ wherein said component is d- δ -tocopherol-alkylglycine dimethylglycine ester hydrochloride.

22-25. (canceled).

26. (currently amended): The method according to Claim 15, wherein an added amount of ~~the tocopherol alkylglycine ester and/or the salt thereof~~ said component ranges from 2.0 to 10% by mass.

27. (new): The method according to Claim 15, wherein said component is d,l- α -tocopherol dimethylglycine ester hydrochloride.

28. (new): The method according to Claim 15, wherein said component is d- α -tocopherol dimethylglycine ester hydrochloride.

29. (new): The method according to Claim 18, wherein an added amount of said component ranges from 2.0 to 10% by mass.

30. (new): The method according to Claim 19, wherein an added amount of said component ranges from 2.0 to 10% by mass.

31. (new): The method according to Claim 21, wherein an added amount of said component ranges from 2.0 to 10% by mass.

32. (new): The method according to Claim 27, wherein an added amount of said component ranges from 2.0 to 10% by mass.

33. (new): The method according to Claim 28, wherein an added amount of said component ranges from 2.0 to 10% by mass.

34. (new): The method according to Claim 15, wherein an added amount of said component ranges from 0.5 to 2% by mass.

35. (new): The method according to Claim 18, wherein an added amount of said component ranges from 0.5 to 2% by mass.

36. (new): The method according to Claim 19, wherein an added amount of said component ranges from 0.5 to 2% by mass.

37. (new): The method according to Claim 21, wherein an added amount of said component ranges from 0.5 to 2% by mass.

38. (new): The method according to Claim 27, wherein an added amount of said component ranges from 0.5 to 2% by mass.

39. (new): The method according to Claim 28, wherein an added amount of said component ranges from 0.5 to 2% by mass.